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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office Action dated March 8, 2005, Applicant provisionally elects, with traverse, claims 1-11, 12 and 32-42, which correspond to Fig.1. While the application may include patentably distinct species for the reasons set forth by the Examiner, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claim restrictions and requests that all claims be maintained in the current application.

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As set forth in MPEP § 803, if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine the entire application on the merits, even though the application contains claims to independent and distinct inventions. While the purported species of Fig. 1 and those of Figs. 3, 5 and 7 may be patentably distinct, no explanation has been provided to support the species restriction. For example, Examiner has not demonstrated that the "species" are classified differently. In any event, all claims are related at least to the extent that the claimed subject matter would be commonly classified. As such, it is respectfully submitted that there would be no serious burden on Examiner to simultaneously search and examine the claims of all species. At the very least, a search of all claims would not require a burdensome search over a broad range of classes and subclasses. Under such circumstances, it is respectfully requested that all claims be maintained in the same application.

Respectfully submitted,

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